

now our bows turned down stream, and are at present merely awaiting the rise in the river to float us down to the Paraguay. I am in hopes that we shall be out of the Pilcomayo by the end of February, and I shall at once return to England, with perhaps a week or two's delay in Ascension and Buenos Aires.

XXV.—On a new Finch of the Genus *Pheucticus*, from Guatemala. By OSBERT SALVIN and F. DUCANE GODMAN.

DURING a recent excursion to the slopes of the Volcan de Santa Maria, near Quezaltenango, in Guatemala, Mr. W. B. Richardson obtained two specimens of a Finch of the genus *Pheucticus*. Both of them are in moulting plumage, but the new feathers of the adult are sufficiently developed to show that this bird is quite distinct from its nearest ally, *P. chrysopheplus*, of Western Mexico. The presence of a *Pheucticus* in this district partially fills up a gap in the range of the genus. Hitherto it was supposed to be absent from the wide tract of country lying between Western Mexico and Costa Rica, where *P. tibialis* occurs, but now the highlands of Guatemala must be included in its range.

We propose to characterize this species as follows:—

♂ *PHEUCTICUS AURANTIACUS*, sp. n.

*Aurantiacus*, alis nigris, speculo alari, remigibus internis et secundariis in pogonio externo ad apicem albis; interscapulio nigro plumis singulis aurantiaco marginatis, uropygio nigro maculato, supracaudalibus nigris albo terminatis; cauda nigra, rectricibus duabus externis in pogonio interno late albo terminatis, tertia ab externa quoque ad apicem alba, tectricibus subalaribus aurantiacis, subcaudalibus albis; rostro nigro, mandibula basi albida.

♂ *jr.* supra multo magis nigro variegatus, plumis capitis et cervicis posticis medialiter nigris, uropygii nigris aurantaco terminatis.

*Hab.* Volcan de Santa Maria, Guatemala.

*Obs.* *P. chrysopheplo* proximus et ejusdem staturæ, sed capite toto et corpore omnino subtus magis aurantiacis, interscapulio nigro variegato, et uropygio nigro guttato distinguendus.